

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 83

HOUSE BILL NO. 1183

**By Representatives Sherry Jones, Mike Turner, Ferguson, Pruitt, Gilmore,
Favors, Brown, Fitzhugh, Maddox, Hardaway, Coley**

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1551

By Senators Burks, Lowe Finney, Harper, Kilby, Marrero, Raymond Finney

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, relative to domestic violence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-621(e)(2) is amended by deleting the word "voluntary".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-621, is amended by inserting a new subsection (c), and by appropriately redesignating the existing subsections (c)-(f), as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) above, any health care practitioner licensed or certified under title 63, except for those practitioners licensed under chapter 12 of that title, who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a patient's injuries, whether or not such injuries cause a patient's death, are the result of domestic violence or domestic abuse, shall report to the department of health, office of health statistics, on a monthly basis. The report shall not disclose the name or identity of the patient, but should include the nature and extent of the patient's injuries, the substance in summary fashion of any statements made by the patient, including comments concerning past domestic abuse with the patient's current spouse or previous partner(s), that would reasonably give rise to suspicion of domestic abuse. The practitioner shall include any other information upon which the suspicion of domestic abuse is based.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall be repealed on June 30, 2009 and the statutes as they existed immediately prior to the effective date of this act shall be revived and reinstated.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 12, 2007

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JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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RON RAMSEY, SPEAKER
SENATE OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 3rd day of May 2007

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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR